



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/955,527
Filed: September 17, 2001
Inventor:
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Title: Method and System for Leveraging Spares in a Data Storage system Including a Plurality of Disk Drives

§ Examiner: Puente, Emerson C.
§ Group/Art Unit: 2113
§ Atty. Dkt. No: 5681-89100

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July 27, 2004

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
APRIL 27, 2004**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of April 27, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below:

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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-89100/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- Return Receipt Postcard
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Notice of Change of Address
- Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit in the amount of \$ for fees ().
- Other:

Respectfully submitted,



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